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Alpena Argus

HUMOROUS.

"Great Caesar," thought the fisherman, "I only wish the fish would bite as these mosquitoes do."
—Harper's Bazar.

It sounds rather odd to read in the hardware market reports that cutlery is dull.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Ethel Knox—"You are a man after my own heart." Jack Ash—"Darling!" Ethel Knox—"But you won't get it."—Vogue.

The watering-place girl says that when the "squeeze" is over in Wall street she hopes it will come her way.—Florida Times-Union.

He—"I beg your pardon, but I never can get your name." She (naively)—"No? Then possibly I might get yours."—Godey's

"Fractional currency is getting fearfully scarce." "You're right; I saw a man just now who couldn't even change his mind."—Atlanta Constitution.

"Chollie has developed a great amount of muscle lately." "How do you know?" "I saw him hold his straw hat without any help."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Tommy—"My father is in the butcher business. What business is your'n in?" Sammy—"My father doesn't have to follow any business. He's an alderman."—Chicago Tribune.

Parent.—Do you consider my son a promising pupil, Mr. Birch? Mr. Birch.—Yes. He has been promising me every day for a year past that he would have better lessons.—Ex.

"What makes the weather so uncertain?" said the man with his coat buttoned up to his chin. "I guess the thermometer must have taken a drop to much," replied his friend with a shiver.—Washington Star.

"I have a sure way of getting mosquitoes out of a room," said the melancholy man at the seaside boarding house. "How do you do it?" asked several people at once. "I go out of doors myself," he replied.—Washington Star.

"Well, Mollie," said her papa, who is a militia colonel, "did you see me marching up Broadway today?" "Yeth," said Mollie, "and I was real mad, papa. They might have let you have a drum to play on like those others had."—Harper's Bazar.

Mamma—"If you eat any more of that pudding, Tommy, you will see the bogie-man to-night." Tommy (after a moment's thought)—"Well, give me some more. I might as well settle my mind about the truth of the story once for all."—Tid-Bits.

"Oh, that must be too lovely for anything," said Hortensia, when she read an account of a stage robbery in the far west. "Lovely to robbed?" asked Uncle John. "Lovely to be held up," said Hortensia, with a rosy blush.—Boston Transcript.

Old Bullion (on his death bed)—"All my property is willed to you, but I am afraid my children by my first wife will make a contest and then the lawyers will get it." Young wife—"Don't worry, my love; I can easily fix that. I'll marry one of the lawyers."—New York Weekly.

Little Johnny.—Mrs. Taken-down paid a big compliment to me to-day.

Mother.—Did she really? Well, there's no denying that woman has sense. What did she say?

Little Johnny.—She said she didn't see how you came to have such a nice little boy as I am.—Ex.

Teacher.—This drawing is excellent. Did you do it all yourself? Small Pupil.—No-o'm; Johnny Smart drew it for me, but I did the shading.

Teacher.—The shading is remarkably well done. Small Pupil.—Yes'm. I held a book up to keep the sun from shining in Johnny's eyes.

"Miss Figg," began the young man, "I have so long been a humble adorer at your shrine that I feel that the time has come—has arrived, I might say—for me to tell you of the hopes I—of how your—ah—angelic character, your dazzling beauty—"

"If you really love me," answered the maiden, "don't you think all that grandstand play might as well be dispensed with?"—Indianapolis Journal.

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Bottom of the Sea.

There is a rather common, but erroneous notion, to the effect that a human body, or even a ship, will not sink to the bottom of the profounder abysses of the ocean, but will, on account of the density of the waters at a great depth, remain suspended at some distance above the surface of the earth. This is an error, says Prof. N. S. Shaler, in Scribner's Magazine. No other fate awaits the drowned sailor or his ship than that which comes to the marine creature who dies on the bottom of the sea. In time their dust all pass into the great store-houses of the earth, even as those who receive burial on the land. However deep the sea, it is but a few hours before the body of a man who finds his grave in the ocean is at rest upon the bottom. It there receives the same swift service from the agents which, in the order of nature, are appointed to care for the dead, as comes to those who are reverently inhumed in blessed ground. All save the hardest parts of the skeleton are quickly taken again into the realms of the living, and even those more resisting portions of the body in time are in a large part appropriated by the creatures of the sea floor, so that before the dust returns in the accumulating water to the firm set earth it may pass through an extended cycle of living forms. The fate of animal bodies on the sea floor is well illustrated by the fact that beneath the waters of the gulf stream, where it passes by southern Florida, there are, in some places, quantities of bones, apparently those of the manatee, or sea cow, a large herbivorous mammal, which like the seal, has become adapted to aquatic life; these creatures plentifully inhabit the tropical rivers which flow into the Caribbean sea, and are though rarely found in the streams of Southern Florida. At their death, they drift out into the open water, and are swept away to the northward by the ocean current. For some weeks, perhaps, the carcasses are buoyed up by the gases of decomposition, which are retained by their thick, oily skins; as they decay and break the bodies fall to the bottom.

A Lost Tribe of Israel.

Scattered over the breezy downs of the Nilgherries, in the little villages of wicker houses, that look at a little distance like nothing in the world so much as a colony of bees, lives a community of six or seven hundred people, who are variously believed to be the descendants of one of the lost tribes of Israel, the aborigines of southern India and a community of Manichaeans.

They believe in a strange trinity and a hell, a dismal stream full of leeches, and this they must cross by means of a single thread. The soul burdened with sin is too heavy for this slender support and the sinner falls into the stream, but the thread sustains easily the souls of the good.

The funeral of the Toda, for that is the name of the singular tribe, is as old in its ways as its religious belief. His body is wrapped in a new cloth and his toes tied together with red thread; grain, sugar, tobacco and money are wrapped in his funeral toga to provide him for his journey across the Styx and the dark plain beyond.

Two buffaloes are slain beside the corpse and the dead man's hands are placed upon their horns; a piece of his skull, his hair and his fingernails are removed to be used later on, at the great celebration of the death of all those who, during the twelve months, have "taken the leap over the great precipice into the bottomless abyss."

When these tokens are removed, clarified butter is smeared on the fragrant wood of the funeral pyre and the body is burned to ashes and the ashes scattered to the four winds.—Bombay Times.

Upsetting a Bishop.

"I never was quite thrown off my equipoise," said a well-known bishop of the Methodist church, "except on one occasion, and that was by a Chicago reporter."

"They are a sharp lot," suggested a listener. The bishop smiled. "On this occasion," he went on, "I had delivered a sermon at an important church meeting, and I concluded it by quoting the Lord's prayer. After the service this reporter came around to see me."

"That sermon was one of the finest things I ever heard," he said,

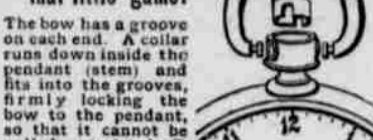
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